**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] In one alternative embodiment, the contrast media of the present invention may comprise less than 1% by weight of barium-based compound. In another alternative embodiment, the present invention may comprise for about 0.001% to about 0.8% barium-based compound, preferably from about 0.01% to about 0.5%, more preferably about 0.1% or about 0.5%. Other concentrations of barium-based compound that may be suitable in the present invention include 0.02%, 0.03%, 0.04%, 0.06%, 0.07%, 0.08%, 0.09%, 0.11%, 0.15%, ~~0.02%~~, 0.20%, 0.25%, 0.30%, 0.35%, 0.40%, 0.45%, 0.50%, 0.55%, 0.60%, 0.65%, 0.70%, 0.75%, 0.80%, 0.90%, or 0.95% by weight. The preferred barium-based compound is barium-sulfate.



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